

MINUTES
Underhill Conservation Commission
October 8, 2018
Underhill Town Hall

Present: Karen McKnight, Daphne Tanis, Nancy McRae, Amy Golodetz, Laurie Graham

Absent: Betsy Chapek, Dan Steinbauer, Pat Lamphere, Peter Hiskes

Guest: Steven Webster

Welcome and Opening Remarks: Karen welcomed all and introduced evening's agenda

Public Comment: Steve Webster commented on updating the September minutes and shared his thoughts on the development of an Invasive Species task-force.

Approval Minutes: August and September 2018 minutes accepted as final with edits.

Discussion:

Crane Brook Public Discussion Debrief

Members discussed the following topics:

1. The importance of driving more awareness about Invasive Species.
2. UCC members agreed to suspending the spraying proposal.
3. Planning another educational workshop in the spring, similar to the 2018 Spring workshop with Ethan Tapper and Elizabeth.
4. Importance of notifying the public about the UCC CBCD activities on FPF.
5. Forming an Underhill Town Invasive Species Task-force;
 - a. When to form task-force? – not until 2019 Spring after assessment of 2018 results
 - b. Who? – UCC members would like the task-force to be headed by a citizen volunteer.
 - c. Task-force should lead with an education series on Invasive Species.
 - d. Lots of publicity and community involvement
6. Members determined that it would be helpful to invite a Select Board member to the next UCC meeting to discuss the future steps of Invasive Species Management.
7. Next Steps:
 - a. Plan an assessment work-party this weekend: October 13, at 9:30
 - i. Assess the 2 patches (Meadow and Crane Brook Trail)
 - ii. Stake the 2 patches perimeter.
 - iii. Cut the meadow patch where growing through smothering.

UCC Action Plan

1. Fall education Sessions
 - a. 'Living with Wildlife'
 - i. Forrest Hamond deferred to Tom Rogers as presenter
 - ii. Tom Rogers not available on either dates in October
 - iii. Daphne to contact T. Rogers for spring date of March 13 or 14 2019
contact t/l 377-2628
2. Invasive Species Task Force discussion occurred during Crane Brook Debrief
3. Work Day Planning
 - a. Saturday, October 13 at 9:30
 - b. Assess, Stake perimeter, and some cutting
 - c. Amy to bring stakes
4. CBCD Trail Maintenance
 - a. Work party to be planned at a later time
 - b. Involve Kurt Johnson and Boy Scouts and other community members
5. CBCD Trail Signage
 - a. Nancy to present other options at next meeting.

Other

Reminder to all UCC members to attend 'Town Plan' discussion at the UPC (Underhill Planning Commission) Meeting on November 8, at 6:30 p.m. at Town hall.

Adjournment: The meeting was officially adjourned at 8: 04 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 10, 2018, 6:30 p.m., Underhill Town Hall (Please Note - no November meeting)

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